

The Message



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TTT gives local youth voice and vision

Mount Rainier's City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace launched, Mount Rainer Television Training (MRTV) Program called "Talk That Talk" (TTT) in April 2012, through the Mount Rainier Metropolitan Police Department (MRPD) Street Corp Program.

TTT provides media arts, literacy and leadership training for young people throughout communities in Mt Rainier and students of Northwestern High School. The goal is to prepare youth with the knowledge, tools, decision-making, and peer-to-peer and adult relationship building skills needed to create powerful, thought-provoking media on community issues that concern them—distributing the media as a catalyst for dialogue and social change.

The program encourages youth ages 13 to 24 to develop new skill sets, get their voices and opinions heard, and work on topics of interest to them. Each young person will come to the project with varied abilities, experiences, interests, point-of-view and needs. Objec-

tives will be developed for new knowledge areas to be developed.

Youth who have an interest in storytelling, writing, journalism, interviewing, graphics, photography, video, sound, lighting and editing are encouraged to apply. Storytelling is an enlightening effort that requires a diverse team of people to address the skills needed to create an effective film story.

Working as a team with adult partners, youth have the ability to use their experiences to make critical decisions, enhance the creative process and develop insightful and thought-provoking media.

The initiative provides hands-on training for youth in communications and television production skills. The TTT program brings students together with dedicated professionals to produce short stories and to raise community issues or concerns youth are facing today. The design of program is to give "Rise" to the voices of our youth.

Talk That Talk youth develop the skills to not only express their point of view, but they produce media that can make a positive impact in their communities. Youth are provided the opportunity to build strong relationships with adults and peers from different neighborhoods, backgrounds and cultures. TTT aims to inspire teens to make healthy and safe decisions, think and behave differ-

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Mount Rainier Day 2012



Come out and join your neighbors and friends on **Saturday, May 19th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m** for what promises to be one of the best Mount Rainier Day parades and festivals to date! The festivities will take place along Rhode Island Avenue at the Municipal Plaza. **The parade begins at 10 a.m.**

and will begin at 2310 Varnum Street. The parade will travel up Russell Street to 28th Street to Upshur Street connecting to Rainier Avenue turning right onto 34th Street onto Rhode Island Avenue to the Circle and ending at Noon at 38th Street.

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FY 2013 Budget Schedule

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, May 1, 2012	Public hearing and public comment on proposed FY 2013 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate; Special Meeting for First Reading on FY 2013 Budget.
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Mayor and Council Meeting; Second Reading and Vote on FY 2013 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

Unless noted all council meetings occur at 7 pm at City Hall

MAY 1, 2012

MAY 15, 2012

JUNE 6, 2012

JUNE 20, 2012



The Mount Rainier Mayor & Council approved resolution 1-2012 designating
Saturday, May 19th,
Kids to Parks Day in Mount Rainier!
 So us outdoors at Mount Rainier Day or visit one of our many local green spaces.



MRTV Programs appear on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and "On Demand" daily.

MRTV now provides a 24/7 programming schedule. Watch for the daily Program Guide for a list shows and times. **LIVE Programs – City Council Meetings and Work Sessions – 7 pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

For MRTV comments, suggestions and show ideas contact staff at mrtvchannel71@yahoo.com or call 301-985-6585.

Questions, comments and submissions to the Mount Rainier *MESSAGE* should be sent to **Michael Jackson, Assistant City Manager**, via mail at One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 or via e-mail at mjackson@mountrainiermd.org. All submissions for the April 2012 *MESSAGE* must be received by close of business on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Submissions received after that time will be considered on a space available basis. The Mount Rainier Message is published monthly except for the combined July-August and December-January issues.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 16
9 am to 1 pm
(Rain date June 23)

Mount Rainier Summer Yard and Crafts Sale

At Residents' Homes and a Central Location
Interested in selling?
Email MtRainierYard-



Prince George's Office
 6103 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 102
 Riverdale, MD 20737
 tel 301.779.6010
info@ndc-md.org

Schools, Youth & Recreation

Mount Rainier observes month of peace in May

There are many activities planned by different groups this month to recognize Mount Rainier's annual month of peace, including Mt. Rainier Day, simply look for the peace sign! Enjoy, participate and help in building Peace right in our neighborhood. Little Friends For Peace is offering Peace Camps in Mt. Rainier August 6 to 10th: Leaders Camp for ages 8 to 14 at Mt. Rainier Christian Church and August 13 to 17th: Peace Explores for ages 4 to 11yrs. at the Nature Center. Visit www.lffp.org or contact MJ at 240-838-4549.



Vacation Bible School takes flight

Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Amazing Wonders Aviation". Watch amazing things happen as we explore God's word!! -- June 10th - June 15th First Baptist Church of Mount Rainier, 3103 Shepherd Street. VBS kickoff is Sunday, June 10th at 1:30pm. Join us for food, games, and paper airplane contest. Monday through Friday 6:30pm-9:00pm. FREE All are welcome. Call the Church at (301) 927-6655 or go to fbcmr.com

MRE Input Required

As the school year draws to a close, so does Ms. Reed's time as the Mount Rainier Elementary school principal. We, as parents and residents MUST take the time to voice our concerns, our comments and our needs. PTO and community members can still send an email to hr.humancapitaldept@pgcps.org if they have comments about the selection of the new principal for Mount Rainier Elementary. PGCPs Human Resources states that they only received 20 responses to the survey. Unfortunately, HR views this as a lack of community interest in the selection of the new principal. We all know that this is not the case!! Current, future and past MRE parents, now is the time for community input, contact HR today!

Youth Training Program

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ently, offer constructive solutions and maintain respect and tolerance for each other.

TTT participants learn how to work in teams, to meet deadlines, come up with timelines and story boards. Each youth will be assigned things to do and must figure out how to work together. This leads to youth developing various approaches to group dynamics, team work, critical thinking, problem solving, tasks accomplishments and many more skills that are needed for productive adult citizenship.

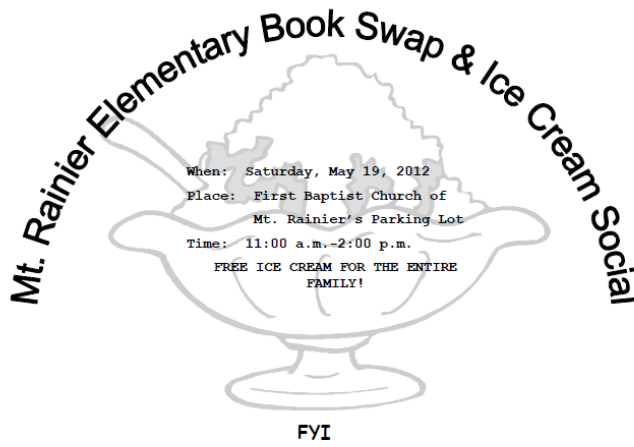
Youth teams will learn how to work together to produce short documentaries and PSAs. They learn what happens in pre-production, production and post production including: research, critical thinking, identifying ideas for community video stories, storyboarding and journaling, interviewing techniques, and the basics of cable television production and video including sound and lighting.

Once short films are shot, they will learn basic editing techniques and discover how to use their special skill sets and interests and integrate them into short documentary stories. They will also learn how to present, discuss and raise awareness about their finished videos as a group by holding screenings at local venues, schools and workshops. The video documentary stories will be featured on Mt Rainier cable station for the community, friends, and family to review, comment and hear the voices of our youth from their perspective.

Talk That Talk encourages people of all ages to work together. Youth-adult partnerships play a key role in identifying, nurturing, educating, encouraging, counseling, advising, and inspiring media-makers and leaders to make a difference in their communities. By

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Community Happenings



- FYI**
- © For every book you bring to the book swap, you will receive one ticket to trade for a "new" book.
 - © You may send in books for the book swap anytime during the months of April and May. Please send books to school in a bag with your child's first and last name and his/her teacher's name.
 - © If you choose to send in your books prior to the book swap, your swap tickets will be waiting for you at the door the day of the swap. (This option is encouraged and will help with swap preparations.) Send in your books before the day of the book swap and receive ONE FREE ticket!
 - © Please try to R.S.V.P so that we can order enough ice cream for all to enjoy. Return the slip to school as soon as possible.

☐ Yes, the _____ family will be attending the
(Family's name)
Mt. Rainier Elementary Book Swap & Ice Cream Social.

☐ Number of people who will be attending. _____

☐ I am willing to volunteer the day of the swap.
The best time for me to work would be: ☐ 11:00-11:30 ☐ 12:00-12:30
☐ 1:00 - 1:30 ☐ 2:00- 2:30

Name _____ Phone Number _____

May 5, 2012, 1 pm Artists' Talks: Forest of the Mind: Laura G. Thorne and Marcia Wolfson-Ray, Laura G. Thorne and Marcia Wolfson-Ray share the floor in this round of gallery talks to discuss the art and inspiration behind *Forest of the Mind*, Saturday, May 5, 1pm. Listeners will also have the opportunity to learn more about the artists' work and their professional backgrounds. Join in on the discussion, mingle and enjoy refreshments and beverages on us. This event is free. All ages are welcome to attend.

May 5, 2012; 3 pm - 5 pm, The Inside and Out of Creating a Great Art Portfolio - A Panel Presentation from The Business of Art a Workshop Series for Visual Artists, FREE, Learn from arts professionals about what makes a portfolio great and not-so great. Hear what makes them look twice or not at all, what they've seen that works, and where trends are going. Advance Registration Required. To register call the Brentwood Arts Exchange at (301) 277-2863.

Langley Park Community Center Ceramicists Craft Showcase Store-Wide Feature, The Brentwood Arts Exchange pre-

sents its first store-wide feature highlighting fine craft and functional art by the Langley Park Community Center Ceramicists. The feature, which runs from April 28 through June 2, spotlights one of Prince George's County Parks and Recreation's longest-running arts programs. This tightly-knit group of nearly 30 students and teachers offers their work for display and sale in celebration of their long history and just in time for Mother's Day!

Photoshop I, Tuesdays, May 1 – May 22;

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Ages 13 – Adult

Photoshop II, Tuesdays, May 29 – June 19;

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Ages 13 – Adult

Learn hands-on using the namesake software of contemporary image editing. Create and build skills utilizing the computer as an art and photography tool. Taught by photographer Alison Duvall. Advance Registration Required. To Register Call the Brentwood Arts Exchange at (301) 277-2863.

May 11, 8 pm, Joe's Movement Emporium presents emma's revolution in concert.

Celebrate our hometown folk heroes with songs from their new album *Revolution Per Minute*. Smart, funny, informative -- emma's revolution is the award-winning, activist duo Pat Humphries & Sandy O. Known to motivate and inspire, bring people to tears and back to laughter, their music has been sung for the Dalai Lama, praised by Pete Seeger and recorded by Holly Near. Touring over 200 days a year, emma's revolution has performed at thousands of events around the world using the power of music to promote peace and justice, women's issues, LGBT, human rights, labor, and environmental issues. Catch emma's revolution in this special hometown performance at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, 301.699.1819. Visit <https://joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket> for ticket information.

May 12, Noon to 5 pm, 8th Annual Prince George's County Gateway Arts District Open Studio Tour, After Party 5:30 to 8 pm,

For more information visit

www.gatewayopenstudios.org,

May 12-13 EDGEWORKS Dance Theater presents MIXER II. EDGEWORKS Dance Theater returns to Joe's for MIXER II, featuring the works of EDT company members and guest artists. Led by award-winning choreographer and Founding Artistic Director Helanius J. Wilkins, this program demonstrates how EDT continues to showcase the diversity of dance being created by men in American concert dance. Among the choreographers presenting works will be EDT's Assistant Rehearsal Director Nkosinathi "Natty" Mncube. For MIXER II, EDT will collaborate with Miriam's Kitchen - a DC based service organization dedicated to facing the challenges of hunger and homelessness in the DC community. As an extension of our work to link the arts and social justice, EDT will hold a special drive to collect clothing and items needed by the guests of Miriam's Kitchen. Witness the talent of the area's men in American concert dance Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Rd, 301.699.1819, May 12 at 8pm or May 13 at 7pm. Visit <https://joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket> for ticket information.

May 18-19, 8 pm, Human Landscape Dance and Susan Cook presents A Rugged Shore. *A Rugged Shore* develops common themes from U.S. and Canadian cultures, such as our shared coastline. Human Landscape Dance will present Greek myths that have been integrated into our upbringing, including an Odyssey that emphasizes Penelope's experience. Nova Scotian Susan Cook will dance her solo exploration of "My Favorite Things," questioning the feminine stereotypes that underlie the song. Dance expert Karen Bradley will contribute an essay on her search for the American Dream, and finding it in Canada. Catch this performance at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, 301.699.1819, Visit joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket for ticket information.

May 19, 11 am—2 pm, Mount Rainier Elementary Ice Cream Social and Book Festival, First Baptist Church of

Mount Rainier parking lot, 31st & Shepard Street.

May 26-27 Updraft Inc. and Joe's Movement Emporium presents Power Up! What if technology enlarged, rather than competed with, live arts? Using new media to maximize audience engagement, audience members send their own images and thoughts via cell phone to become part of the work onstage. The production includes original music and multimedia projections as well as spectacular aerial dance on silks and steel. Artists and audience all collaborate to create a unique reflection of contemporary community. Catch this special performance, at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, 301.699.1819 on May 26 at 8pm and May 27 at 2pm. Go to joesmovement.secure.force.com/ticket for ticket information.

Creative Expressions Art Camps



Ages 6-12

Jun 25 - Aug 3

301-277-2863

arts.pgpark.com

at the Brentwood Arts Exchange

Summer Camps in the City

Little Friends For Peace offers two Summer Peace Camps in Mount Rainier. July 30th to August 3rd, Peace Explorers, ages 4 to 11 yrs. And August 6th to August 10th, Peace Builders in Action, ages 8 to 12 yrs. For more information contact the Parks, 240 838-4549 or visit www.LFFP.org

ARTWORKS Studio School, 3711 Rhode Island Avenue, offers three summer sessions, Teen Camp, ages 13 and up, June 18- June 22; Camp for ages 9 to 12, June 25 - June 29; Camp for Ages 5 to 8, July 9 - July 13. For more information contact 301-454-0808 or visit artworksnow.org

Joe's Movement Emporium offers five summer arts camps, from Fine Arts, Dance, Culture & Creative Movement, for various ages, June 18 – August 17. Financial aid available until May 18, 2012. Contact Ms. Robinson at 301-699-1819 or visit joesmovement.org.

Mount Rainier Nature/ Recreation Center, 4701 31st Place, Offers five Specialty Day Camps and serves as a Summer Playground location. Summer activities serve pre-school ages to teens. Contact the Nature Center staff for more information, 301-445-4500, or visit www.pgpark.com

CHIEF'S BLOG

Preventing Thefts from Auto

Since the beginning of the 2012 calendar year the Department has documented 17 cases of thefts from motor vehicles along with another 25 cases where vehicles were broken into but nothing was stolen. We also have concerns about thefts from vehicles whose drivers are purchasing fuel at our local BP station on Eastern Avenue.

These thefts are strictly crimes of opportunity and thieves are successful when owners forget to take basic precautions or become distracted as they go about their daily routines.

It is *very* important that you take steps to minimize your risk of becoming the victim of a theft from auto. It's your stuff! Protect it by taking away the thief's opportunity. Here are some handy tips that can help you do just that!

The best way to prevent theft from your auto is to always lock your doors even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for only a minute.

Always keep valuables out of sight. Never leave cell phones, briefcases, suitcases, GPS units, or small electronic devices (personal music devices, digital assistants, etc.) in your car in plain view. Take these items with you, or secure them — *all the time, every time!*

If your car has a trunk, use it. Put valuables in there or in a locked glove compartment. Hiding items under seats is better than leaving them in plain view, but securing them inside the glove compartment or trunk is a far better deterrent. Any time you're shopping, place packages in the trunk, not on the passenger seats or floors.

Look for car radios or other sound systems that can operate only in the vehicle in which it was originally installed. This reduces the risk of theft.

If you can unfasten your sound system and take it with you, or lock it in your trunk, do so. And don't forget to do the same with your CDs and tapes.

If you don't have the luxury of parking your vehicle in a garage at night and have to leave it parked in the driveway or on the street in front of the house, make sure to remove the garage door opener. This is a key to your home!!

Wheel and tire thieves usually work as a team, much like a NASCAR pit crew. They can have your wheels and be gone in just a couple of minutes!

If you have spent a small fortune on custom wheels and Z rated low profile tires, make sure you use a tamper proof wheel lock to secure each wheel to the vehicle. Do not leave the wheel lock key inside the vehicle – take it with you and keep it in a safe place. If your wheels didn't come with security locks, you can purchase them at most automobile parts supply stores. They are inexpensive insurance against losing your investment to thieves.

The best advice is to not leave anything in your vehicle, or at least in plain sight, that you would not want taken.

Even the smallest most insignificant items, even a small amount of change in a center console, left in plain view could result in a window being smashed and the item(s) stolen.

When you eliminate the opportunity, you have a greater chance of eliminating the crime.

Help Us Help You—Be Active

There are two active Neighborhood Watch groups in the City. Local resident Rick Ruggles organizes monthly walks throughout the City. Tyrese Robinson organizes activities on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue. Contact Rick Ruggles at rick@rickruggles.com and Tyrese Robinson at tjkrubin@yahoo.com for more information about how to participate.

You can also directly report road damage, power outages, or any other issues encountered to Public Works as you see them at www.publicstuff.com/iframe or via phone at 1-888-491-3119 and SMS Text Message: 617-500-3111. Report crime to Mount Rainier Police Department directly by calling 301-985-6565. Reporting issues and crime improves how we all live in Mount Rainier.

Farmers Market

Opening Day, Saturday, May 5, 2012
City Hall Plaza, 10 am—2 pm



SATURDAYS
10 AM TO 2 PM
MAY—OCTOBER

City Hall Plaza
 Rhode Island Avenue
 & Perry Street

A 'PRODUCER ONLY' MARKET
FRESH FRUITS VEGETABLES & MORE

Calling All Green Thumbs!

Are you interested in creating community gardens in Mount Rainier where residents would be able to grow food and flowers throughout the year?

For those of you who desire to have a garden, but have shady yards or live in an apartment, the Mount Rainier Green Team is looking for “seriously” interested residents who would be willing and able to research a possible site (or two) in Mount Rainier and follow through on its permanent creation and maintenance. If the above description fits you, contact MR Green Team member Joe RobbinsRobbins629@msn.com for details!

TALK

working together on community documentary video projects, a process is fostered to develop healthy and giving relationships across generations.

City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace, recognizes the importance of developing community partnerships and works jointly with local public schools, philanthropic organizations, corporations, police, policymakers and media professionals to make a positive impact in young people’s lives. It’s a win-win situation. Therefore, teen/youth of Mount Rainier and North Western High School **TALK THAT TALK**- we are listening. For more information about the TTT or Street Corp Program, please contact us at grants@mounrainier.org or call the main office at 301-985-6580.

Department of Public Works RECYCLE, BULK TRASH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

All recyclables (aluminum cans, bottles, paper and cardboard) can be put in the same yellow recycle bin which will be picked up Friday of each week. These items will be taken to the County recycle plant as they now have the capability to separate the items.

All BULK TRASH appointments must be made before 12 Noon on the Friday preceding the pick up day. All bulk trash items must be set out before 7:00 AM on pick up day.

PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

DATE	PARTICULARS
May 2	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 4	Recyclables Pick Up
May 7	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
May 9	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 11	Recyclables Pick Up
May 14	Yard Waste Pick Up
May 16	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 18	Recyclables Pick Up
May 21	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
May 23	Regular Trash Pick Up
May 25	Recyclables Pick Up
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday City Hall and Public Works Closed
May 30	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 1	Recyclables Pick Up
June 4	Bulk Trash Pick Up (by appointment only, call 301 985 6558) Yard Waste Pick Up
June 6	Regular Trash Pick Up
June 8	Recyclables Pick Up
June 11	Yard Waste Pick Up

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